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**Regular Meeting**  
**1:00 p.m.**

Next Meeting: April 19, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.

# **Agenda**

## **I. Opening (*Tab 1*)**

### **A. Call to Order**

### **B. Approval of Agenda**

### **C. Approval of Minutes**

**Work Session – February 16, 2012**

**Regular Meeting – February 16, 2012**

## **II. Formal Public Comment**

Time has been allocated at the beginning of the meeting for individuals or groups to address the State Board on general issues and on agenda items at the time they are before the Board for discussion. Board Agenda items with formal comment periods or discrete identified records, such as Charter School applications or renewals, Department of Education and Professional Standards Board regulations, and student disciplinary appeals, are not open for comment at the Board meeting at which action is to be taken. At least 15 minutes prior to the meeting being called to order, persons wishing to address the Board should sign up on the appropriate form, giving their name and topic they will address. Comments should be limited to five minutes and each group should choose one representative to speak. Speakers will be recognized by the Board President in the order their names appear on the sign up list. As circumstances require, the Board President may at his/her discretion, limit the number of persons allowed to speak, as well as designate the time for comments.

**Please Note:** Normally, the Board will not respond to questions by or engage in a dialogue with those offering comments during the Board meeting, but may respond in writing to a person or group.

## **III. State Board Business**

### **A. Reports/Discussions**

#### **A.1 Committee Reports from State Board Members**

**B. Budget Items**

None.

**C. Other**

**C.1 Strategic Plan  
(For Action)**

The State Board of Education will consider approving the amended State Board of Education Strategic Plan 2011-2015.

**C.2 Technology Items  
(For Action)**

The State Board of Education will consider an agreement with eBoard Solutions for electronic/paper free meeting management.

**IV. Presentations (*Tab 2*)**

**A. State Board of Education –**

**A.1 National and State Title I – Distinguished Schools – 10 minutes**

The State Board of Education and Secretary Lowery will recognize the following schools:

National Title 1 Distinguished Schools:

Lake Forest East Elementary School, under the leadership of Principal Susan Piavis, was selected for its outstanding performance in closing the achievement gap between student groups.

Nellie H. Stokes Elementary School, which is led by Principal Corey Miklus, was selected for its outstanding performance in exceptional student achievement for two or more years.

Delaware State Title I Distinguished Schools:

Lake Forest North Elementary School in Lake Forest School District; Brenda G. Wynder, principal

Long Neck Elementary School in Indian River School District; David C. Hudson, principal;

Star Hill Elementary School in Caesar Rodney School District;  
Chester Cox, principal;

Title I is the largest federally funded, pre-collegiate education program in the country, providing more than \$17 billion in federal aid to schools and districts serving students in poverty. The goal of Title I is to ensure that all children, especially those living in economically disadvantaged conditions, have the opportunity to receive a high quality education. Schools selected for national recognition must have a poverty rate of at least 35 percent for the selected year and have met or exceeded state standards for making adequate yearly progress for federal school accountability for two or more consecutive years.

**B. Department of Education**

**B.1 DCAS Update - 10 Minutes**

Dr. Michael Stetter, Director, Dr. Michael Stetter, Director, Accountability Resources, will provide an update on the DCAS Assessment.

**B.2 Review of Restructuring Plans for FY 2012-2013 – 30 Minutes**

Ted Jarrell and Kim Wells, Education Associates and Program Managers for the Title I, Part A program will present the Restructuring Plans for Warner Elementary, The Central School, Richardson Park Learning Center and Lake Forest High School as required by Section 10.3.4 of the State Regulations and in accordance with Section 1116(b)(8)(B) of the ESEA. They will review the plans submitted by the Red Clay and Lake Forest School Districts for the 2012-2013 school year and provide recommendations to the State Board members for plan revisions or a recommendation for State approval. Ted and Kim will also seek feedback from State Board members which will be incorporated in the feedback provided to the district.

**B.3 Governor's Education Agenda – 20 minutes**

Partnership Zone School – Howard High School will present their progress as a partnership zone school.

**C. Other Presentations**

None.

**D. Secretary's Report, Review and Discussion**

**V. Action Items**

**A. Department of Education Regulations (*Tab 3*)**

**A.1 106A Teacher Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised (For Discussion)**

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 106A Teacher Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised. The amendments include adding definitions for a "DCAS Teacher" and "Non-DCAS Teacher". The amendments are addressing policy changes for the 2011-2012 school year, including provisions related to the summative rating determination, pattern of ineffective teaching, and improvement plans.

**A.2 107A Specialist Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised (For Discussion)**

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 107A Specialist Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised. The amendments are addressing policy changes for the 2011-2012 school year, including provisions related to the summative rating determination, pattern of ineffective teaching, and improvement plans.

**A.3 108A Administrator Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised (For Discussion)**

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 108A Administrator Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised. The amendments are related to improvement plans and "Pattern of Ineffective Administrative Performance." There is also a clarification in section 6.2.1.

**B. Professional Standards Board (Tab 5)**

None.

**C. Charter Schools (Tab 7)**

**C.1 Application to Modify an Existing Charter:  
Campus Community School  
(For Action)**

The Board of Directors of this school submitted a Modification Application before the deadline of December 31, 2011 seeking approval to add kindergarten and phase out high school. The Charter School Accountability Committee has issued its reports on the application. A public hearing on the application was conducted on March 7, 2012.

The Secretary will make her recommendations with respect to the application.

**C.2 Application to Modify an Existing Charter: Delaware  
Academy of Public Safety and Security  
(For Action)**

The Board of Directors of this school submitted a Modification Application before the deadline of December 31, 2011 seeking approval to decrease the school's enrollment from 800 students to 480 students. The Charter School Accountability Committee has issued its reports on the application. A public hearing on the application was conducted on March 7, 2012.

The Secretary will make her recommendations with respect to the application.

**C.3 Application to Modify an Existing Charter: Newark Charter  
School  
(For Action)**

The Board of Directors of this school submitted a Modification Application before the deadline of December 31, 2011 seeking approval to add a high school. The Charter School Accountability Committee has issued its reports on the application. A public hearing on the application was conducted on March 7, 2012.

The Secretary will make her recommendations with respect to the application

**C.4 Application to Modify an Existing Charter: Odyssey Charter School  
(For Action)**

The Board of Directors of this school submitted a Modification Application seeking approval to increase enrollment within 15% of its authorized enrollment. This modification falls within the range for a minor modification, as defined by DOE Regulation 275 9.9.1.7.

**C.5 Charter Schools Update  
(For Information)**

The monthly update on charter schools is attached.

**D. Other Action Items (*Tab 8*)**

None.

**E. Appeals and Reviews (*Tab 9*)**

**E.1 L.C. v. DIAA (SBE 2011-14)  
(For Action)**

The State Board may consider the decision of the hearing officer in this appeal.

**VI. Information Items (*Tab 10*)**

**A. Federal Grants by District**

*(Finance Reform & Resource Management Branch)*

The monthly review of federal grants by districts as awarded thus far under project proposals is attached.

**B. Enrollment Report, Nonpublic Schools in Delaware, 2011 – 2012**

*(Financial Reform and Resource Management Branch)*

The 2011 – 2012 Enrollment Report, Nonpublic Schools in Delaware provides enrollment statistics by grade, race, gender, etc. This report was prepared by Vicki Fjelsted Fields, Information Systems Technician in the Technology Resources and Data Development Work Group.

**C. Regulation 247 Delaware Post Secondary Internship Program at The Washington Center (TWC) for Internships and Academic Seminars (For Information)**

The Secretary of Education intends to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 247 Delaware Post Secondary Internship Program at The Washington Center (TWC) for Internship and Academic Seminars. This regulation was reviewed as part of the five year review cycle. It was determined that amendments were not needed.

**D. Personnel**

**Appointment**

Beth Draper, Secretary, Exceptional Children Resources Work group, Teaching and Learning Branch, effective February 12, 2012.

**Transfer**

Eric Niebrzydowski from the TLEU will be transitioning into leading the state's DPAS-II work (Components I-IV) over the next three months. By April 15, 2012 he will be the point-person for all questions around changes, forms, documentation, trainings, committee meetings etc. related to the state's DPAS-II work (Components I-IV).

**Transfer to Other State Agency**

Tina Feliciano, Financial Secretary, Human Resource Office, Financial Reform and Resource Management Branch, effective February 24, 2012.

**Resignations**

Julia Harper, Education Associate, Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development, Teaching and Learning Branch, effective February 29, 2012.

Darrell Miller, Prison Education Teacher, effective February 29, 2012.

**Retirement**

Huida Harris-Russell, Education Associate, School Support Services, Teaching and Learning Branch, effective March 31, 2012.

**Note:**

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. § 10004, the agenda is subject to change and the State Board of Education may enter into Executive Session during the meeting.



The times designated on the agenda are approximate and are listed for administrative purposes only. The State Board reserves the right to hear any matter out of its order during the meeting.

The State Board may also take breaks during the meeting.